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### Preface

*Information available  
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This reference aid, formatted as a weekly datebook for 1985, shows holidays and anniversary dates of historical events that are of known or potential significance for terrorists or for groups that engage in terrorism. It is intended to alert government analysts and policymakers concerned with terrorism to the potential for political violence as these dates approach.

Certain holidays and anniversaries hold special significance for some terrorist groups—especially those with an ethnic base. Such a group would be likely to time a terrorist operation to coincide with one of these dates.

Although significant dates have been included for almost every country, their citation is not intended to imply that terrorist attacks are to be expected on any of these dates. The dates are intended to serve as reference points should other information begin to accumulate indicating planning for organized violence.

Three types of dates are included:

- National holidays or important historical events.
- Dates of important terrorist attacks or counterterrorist successes.
- Dates known to be important to terrorists or insurgents, such as founding anniversaries, "martyrdoms," and trials.

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## December 1984– January 1985

Terrorism is politically motivated, premeditated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets by subnational groups or clandestine state agents. International terrorist acts involve the citizens or territory of more than one country.

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### 31

### Monday

<b>Afghanistan</b>	1964	People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan founded
<b>Nigeria</b>	1983	Coup overthrows Shagari regime
<b>Philippines</b>	1968	Founding of Communist Party/Marxist-Leninist

### 1

### Tuesday

<b>Cameroon</b>	1960	Independence Day
<b>Cuba</b>	1959	Liberation Day (day Batista government fell)
<b>Haiti</b>	1804	Independence Day
<b>Palestinians</b>	1965	Palestinian revolution; founding of Fatah
<b>Sudan</b>	1956	Independence Day (proclamation of republic)
<b>Western Samoa</b>	1962	Independence Day

### 2

### Wednesday

<b>Tunisia</b>	1984	Start of countrywide bread riots over removal of subsidies for bread and pasta
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Thursday

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Friday

Armenians	1984	Conviction of US citizen of Armenian descent for assassinating Turkish Consul General in Los Angeles on 28 January 1982
Burma	1948	Independence Day
	1974	Constitution of socialist republic adopted

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Laos	1956	Founding of Lao Patriotic Front
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**January 1985**

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**7****Monday****Cambodia**

1979

Vietnamese invasion overthrows Khmer Rouge regime of Pol Pot

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**8****Tuesday****South Africa**

1912

Founding of African National Congress (ANC)

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**9****Wednesday****Panama**

1964

Martyrs' Day (day of mourning commemorating anti-US riots)

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Thursday

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11

Friday

Albania	1946	Proclamation of republic
Yugoslavia	1984	Suicide of two ethnic Albanian irredentists in Pristina, Kosovo, to avoid arrest

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12

Saturday

Tanzania	1964	Zanzibar Revolution Day (people's republic established)
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Sunday

Ghana	1972	National Redemption Day (anniversary of coup)
Togo	1967	Liberation Day (military coup)



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**January 1985**

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**14****Monday**

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**15****Tuesday**

<b>Egypt</b>	1918	Birthday of Jamal 'Abd al-Nasir
<b>Ireland</b>	1922	Founding of Irish Free State

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**16****Wednesday**

<b>Benin</b>	1977	Liberation Day; Martyrs' Day (repulsion of invasion by mercenary troops from Gabon)
<b>Iran</b>	1979	Shah-Burning Day (departure of Shah from Iran)

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**17****Thursday**

Colombia	1974	Nineteenth of April Movement (M-19) steals sword of Simon Bolivar from Bogota Museum
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**18****Friday**

Egypt, Israel	1974	Disengagement Agreement
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**19****Saturday**

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**20****Sunday**

Guinea-Bissau	1973	National Heroes' Day (commemorating assassination of Amilcar Cabral, founder of ruling party—PAIGC)
Iran	1981	US Embassy hostages released
United States	1985	Presidential Inauguration Day

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**21****Monday**

United States      1985      Public celebration of presidential inauguration

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**22****Tuesday**

Iran      1946      Kurdish Republic Day  
Kurdish regions      1945      Qazi Muhammed uprising  
St. Vincent and the Grenadines      1498      Discovery Day  
Ukraine      1918      Independence Day

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**23****Wednesday**

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**24**

**Thursday**

Romania                      1859                      Union Day

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**25**

**Friday**

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**26**

**Saturday**

India                      1950                      Republic Day  
Romania                      1918                      Birthday of President Ceausescu  
Tunisia                      1978                      Black Thursday (anniversary of labor riots)

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**Sunday**

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**January-  
February 1985**

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**28****Monday**

<b>Australia</b>	1788	<b>Australia Day</b>
<b>Cuba</b>	1853	<b>Birthday of Jose Marti</b>
<b>Italy</b>	1982	<b>Freeing of Red Brigades' captive US Army Brigadier General Dozier</b>
<b>Rwanda</b>	1961	<b>Proclamation of the republic</b>

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**29****Tuesday**

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**30****Wednesday**

<b>West Germany</b>	1933	<b>Accession to power by Nazi Party</b>
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	1972	<b>Bloody Sunday (13 killed and 16 wounded during demonstration in Derry)</b>

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**31**

**Thursday**

<b>Guatemala</b>	1980	The People's Front of 31 January (FP-31), a front organization of the Guerrilla Army of the Poor (EGP), takes its name from this date, on which some of its members occupied the Spanish Embassy
<b>Nauru</b>	1968	Independence Day

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**Friday**

<b>Iran</b>	1979	Return of Ayatollah Khomeini to Iran from exile in Paris
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**4** **Monday**

<b>Angola</b>	1961	Beginning of armed struggle against Portugal
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	1948	Independence Day

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**5** **Tuesday**

<b>Burma</b>	1960	Kachin Independence Army (KIA) Revolution Day
<b>Colombia</b>	1958	Founding of National Liberation Army (ELN)

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**6** **Wednesday**

<b>Lebanon</b>	1984	Fall of West Beirut to Muslim militias
<b>Pakistan</b>	1981	Founding of Movement for Restoration of Democracy (MRD)

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**Thursday**

Grenada

1974

Independence Day

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**Friday**

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**Sunday**



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**February 1985**

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**11****Monday**

<b>Iran</b>	1979	Revolution Day; "Eleventh Dawn" (the 11th day of the revolution is considered the day of victory over the old regime)
<b>Italy, Vatican City</b>	1929	Lateran Treaty signed (governs relationship between Italy (and Vatican City)
<b>Japan</b>		National Foundation Day

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**12****Tuesday**

<b>Burma</b>	1947	Union Day
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**13****Wednesday**

<b>Cyprus</b>	1975	Declaration of establishment of Turkish Federated State of Cyprus
<b>Zaire</b>	1961	Death of Patrice Lumumba

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14

Thursday

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15

Friday

Colombia

1966

Death of National Liberation Army (ELN) guerrilla leader and priest Camilo Torres

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16

Saturday

Lithuanian SSR

1918

Independence Day

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17

Sunday

Vietnam

1979

Invasion by Chinese troops

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**February 1985**

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**18****Monday**

**The Gambia**                      1965                      Independence Day

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**19****Tuesday**

**Egypt, Israel**                      1980                      Exchange of ambassadors  
**Nepal**                              1952                      King Tribhuan Memorial Day  
**Poland**                              1947                      People's republic established

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**20****Wednesday**

**Burma**                              Karen New Year  
**Chinese world**                      Lunar New Year (beginning of Chinese year 4683, Year of the Ox)

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21

Thursday

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22

Friday

<b>Qatar</b>	1972	Coup d'etat that brought Shaikh Khalifa bin Hamad al-Thani to power
<b>Romania</b>	1948	Founding of Romanian Workers' Party
<b>St. Lucia</b>	1979	Independence Day

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23

Saturday

<b>Brunei</b>	1984	National Day
<b>Guyana</b>	1970	Republic Day

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Sunday

<b>Czechoslovakia</b>	1948	First Communist government
<b>Ghana</b>	1966	Liberation Day (overthrow of Nkrumah)

## February- March

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**25**
**Monday**

<b>Kuwait</b>	1948	Independence Day
<b>Pakistan</b>	1985	National Assembly elections scheduled
<b>Suriname</b>	1980	Day of Liberation and Renewal

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**26**
**Tuesday**


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**27**
**Wednesday**

<b>Armenians</b>	1984	Death of terrorist Gouger Migirdic Yanikian of Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA)
<b>Dominican Republic</b>	1844	Independence Day
<b>Western Sahara</b>	1976	Anniversary of the Saharan Democratic Arab Republic (Polisario government-in-exile)

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**28****Thursday****El Salvador**

1977

Founding of the Popular League of 28 February (LP-28), commemorating the killing by security forces of leftists demonstrating in San Salvador against alleged election fraud

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**1****Friday****Bulgaria**

1878

Independence Day

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**2****Saturday****El Salvador**

1972

Founding of People's Revolutionary Army (ERP)

**Libya**

1977

Establishment of Jamahiriyah (Masses' State)

**Morocco**

1956

Independence Day (termination of Treaty of Fez)

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**3****Sunday****Morocco**

1961

Accession of King Hassan to throne

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**March 1985**

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**4****Monday**

Colombia                      1982                      Effective date of United States-Colombia extradition treaty

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**5****Tuesday**

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**6****Wednesday**

Ghana                      1957                      Independence Day  
Kurdish regions                      1975                      Algerian Accord between Iran and Iraq abandoning support of the Kurds

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Sunday

Kurdish regions

1979

Death of Kurdish leader Mulla Mustafa Barzani



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**March 1985**

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**11****Monday**

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**12****Tuesday****Mauritius**

1968

Independence Day

**Turkey**

1880

Birthday of Ataturk

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**13****Wednesday****Grenada**

1979

Coup d'etat by Maurice Bishop

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**14**

**Thursday**

**Japan**

1975

Chukaku-ha (Nucleus Faction) Secretary General Honda assassinated by rival radical groups

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**15**

**Friday**

**Angola**

1962

Founding of National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA)

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**16**

**Saturday**

**Armenians**

1921

Signing of Soviet-Turkish border treaty that ended Armenian hopes of establishing a separate independent state

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**Sunday**

**Ireland**

St. Patrick's Day (Ireland's national day)

March 1985

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Wednesday

Colombia	1981	Death of M-19 terrorist Carmenza Londono ("La Chiqui")
Tunisia	1956	Independence Day

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**21****Thursday**

Kurdish regions		Kurdish New Year
Palestinians		"International Day of Solidarity With the Struggle of the Arab People of Palestine Against Israeli Aggressors"
South Africa	1960	"Sharpeville Massacre" of black demonstrators by security forces

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**22****Friday**

Arab League	1945	Founding of Arab League (original members: Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Saudi Arabia, and Syria)
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**23****Saturday**

Pakistan	1956	Pakistan Day (founding of Islamic Republic of Pakistan)
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**24****Sunday**

Argentina	1976	President Isabel Peron ousted by Gen. Jorge Rafael Videla
El Salvador	1980	Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero assassinated by rightists
Northern Ireland	1972	Beginning of direct rule by the British Government

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**25****Monday**

**El Salvador**            1980            US Embassy attacked by Popular Liberation Forces (FPL) in response to assassination of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero the previous day; since then, FPL attacks have in general been more frequent between 25 March and 6 April than during rest of year

**Greece**                1821            Greek Revolution Memorial Day (celebrating beginning of independence from Turkey)

**Iraq**                    1932            Independence Day

**Saudi Arabia**        1975            Assassination of King Faisal and accession of King Khalid

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**26****Tuesday**

**Bangladesh**           1971            Independence Day

**Egypt, Israel**        1978            Peace agreement ratified

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**27****Wednesday**

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**28****Thursday**

<b>El Salvador</b>	1980	Government expropriates plantations; Salvation Movement of 28 March (MS-28) takes its name from this event
<b>Italy</b>	1980	Four members of Red Brigades die in shootout with Carabinieri in Genoa
<b>Libya</b>	1970	UK Evacuation Day (day British forces turned over bases and departed)
<b>Palestinians</b>		National Day

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**29****Friday**

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**30****Saturday**

<b>Palestinians</b>	1976	Day of the Homeland
<b>Turkey</b>	1974	Death of terrorist Mahir Cayan, member of Turkish People's Liberation Party

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**31****Sunday**

<b>Brazil</b>	1964	President Goulart ousted by military coup
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**April 1985**

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**1****Monday**

**Armenians** The month of April is dedicated by Armenian groups to the memory of the massacre of Armenians by Turks during 1915-18

**Cyprus** 1955 EOKA (National Organization of the Cypriot Struggle) Day (beginning of guerrilla struggle for Greek Cypriot independence)

**El Salvador** 1970 Founding of Popular Liberation Forces (FPL)  
1980 US Cultural Center in San Salvador bombed and strafed by FPL  
1981 Rocket and gun attack on US Embassy by FPL

**2****Tuesday**

**Argentina, United Kingdom** 1982 Argentina invades Falklands; 2 April Command takes its name from this event

**Iran** 1979 Islamic Republic Day

**3****Wednesday**

**Guinea** 1984 Coup d'etat

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**4****Thursday**

Hungary	1945	Liberation Day
NATO	1950	NATO established
Pakistan	1979	Zulfikar Ali Bhutto executed; the Pakistani terrorist group Al-Zulfikar is named for him
Senegal	1960	Independence Day
Syria	1947	Founding of Ba'th Party

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**5****Friday**

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**6****Saturday**

Jewish world		<i>Pesach</i> (first day of Passover)
Philippines	1978	Anti-Marcos demonstration; the terrorist group April 6 Liberation Movement takes its name from this event
Thailand		Chakri Day (founding of Thai royal dynasty)

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**7****Sunday**

Christian world		Easter Sunday
Ireland	1916	Beginning of insurrection that led to independence
Libya	1976	Student revolution
Yugoslavia	1963	Republic Day (adoption of current constitution)

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**April 1985**

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**8****Monday**

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**9****Tuesday**

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**10****Wednesday****Israel, Lebanon**

1973

Israeli raid on Beirut

**Yugoslavia**

1941

Proclamation of Croatian independence

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**11****Thursday**

<b>Uganda</b>	1979	Liberation Day (fall of Idi Amin)
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**12****Friday**

<b>Liberia</b>	1980	National Redemption Day (celebrates coup overthrowing Tolbert government)
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**13****Saturday**

<b>International</b>		Solar New Year (Buddhist, Chinese, Southeast Asian, Hindu, Sikh, Sinhalese, and Tamil cultures)
<b>Jewish world</b>		Last day of Passover
<b>Lebanon</b>	1975	Phalange militiamen attack bus, triggering Lebanese Civil War

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**14****Sunday**

<b>Orthodox Greeks</b>		Easter Sunday
<b>Hungary</b>	1849	Independence Day
<b>Latin America</b>	1890	Pan-American Day (first international conference of American states)
<b>Niger</b>	1974	Accession of President Kountche
<b>Spain</b>	1931	Founding of Second Republic
<b>Togo</b>	1967	Assumption of presidency by Gen. Gnassingbe Eyadema

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**15****Monday**

<b>Ireland</b>	1916	Easter Uprising
<b>North Korea</b>	1912	Birthday of Kim Il Sung

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**16****Tuesday**

<b>Jerusalem, West Bank</b>		Palestinian Prisoners' Day
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**17****Wednesday**

<b>Cambodia</b>	1975	Liberation Day (Khmer Rouge victory)
<b>Cuba</b>	1961	Air Defense Day (Air Force success against Bay of Pigs invaders)
<b>Libya, United Kingdom</b>	1984	Libyan radicals fire on protesters outside People's Bureau in London, killing a police-woman and wounding 11 others; start of siege by British security forces
<b>Syria</b>	1946	Independence Day

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**18****Thursday**

<b>Ireland</b>	1949	Inauguration of the republic
<b>Israel</b>		Commemoration of the Holocaust
<b>Lebanon</b>	1983	US Embassy bombed by Islamic Jihad
<b>Panama, United States</b>	1978	US ratification of Panama Canal Treaty
<b>Zimbabwe</b>	1980	Independence Day

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**19****Friday**

<b>Colombia</b>	1970	On this day the populist National Popular Alliance (ANAPO) does poorly in national elections. Three years later, ANAPO extremists found the 19th of April Movement (M-19) to try to take by force what they could not gain by ballot
<b>Cuba</b>	1961	Day of Victory at Playa Giron (Bay of Pigs)
<b>Namibia</b>	1960	Founding of South-West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO)
<b>Sierra Leone</b>	1971	Proclamation of the republic
<b>South Korea</b>	1960	Unrest triggered by student uprising forces President Syngman Rhee to resign and leave the country. Usually commemorated by student demonstrations

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**20****Saturday**

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**21****Sunday**

<b>Greece</b>	1967	National Resistance Day (anniversary of military coup)
<b>Haiti</b>	1971	Jean Claude Duvalier installed as president for life upon death of his father, Francois Duvalier

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**22****Monday**

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**23****Tuesday**

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**24****Wednesday**

<b>Armenians</b>	1915	National Day of Sorrow (commemorating Turkish massacre)
<b>Dominican Republic</b>	1965	Beginning of civil war
<b>The Gambia</b>	1970	Republic Day

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**25****Thursday**

<b>Egypt, Israel</b>	1982	Sinai Day (Israeli withdrawal)
<b>Italy</b>	1945	Liberation Day
<b>Portugal</b>	1974	Revolution Day; Liberty Day (celebrates military coup that overthrew rightist government and paved the way for democratically elected government). Leftwing terrorist group Popular Forces of 25 April (FP-25) takes its name from this date
<b>Swaziland</b>	1967	Kingdom constituted

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**26****Friday**

<b>Jordan</b>	1949	Transjordan becomes Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
<b>Tanzania</b>	1964	United Republic of Tanzania formed through union of Republic of Tanganyika and People's Republic of Zanzibar

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**27****Saturday**

<b>Afghanistan</b>	1978	Conservative Daoud regime ousted by leftwing coup
<b>Austria</b>	1945	Second Republic established
<b>Sierra Leone</b>	1961	Independence Day
<b>Togo</b>	1960	Independence Day

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**28****Sunday**

<b>Colombia</b>	1983	Death in plane crash of M-19 leader Jaime Bateman
<b>Dominican Republic</b>	1965	US military intervention
<b>Iraq</b>	1937	Birthday of Saddam Hussein

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## April- May 1985

MAY						
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**29**
**Monday**

**Colombia**                      1967                      Founding of People's Liberation Army (EPL)

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**30**
**Tuesday**

**Guatemala**                      1981                      Bombing of storage tank of US oil company in Guatemala City by FP-31  
                                          1982                      Bombing of US fast-food restaurant in Guatemala City by FP-31

**United Kingdom**                      1980                      Iranian Embassy seized by radicals; hostages eventually rescued by Special Air Service team

**Vietnam**                      1975                      North Vietnamese capture Saigon

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**1**
**Wednesday**

**El Salvador**                      The first week of May contains several dates of import to leftwing and rightwing elements; consequently, political violence tends to peak during this period

**Peru**                      1980                      Destruction of electoral material in Chuschi, Cangallo Province, marks beginning of armed struggle by Sendero Luminoso; anniversary is commemorated throughout May

**Socialist world**                      May Day

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**2****Thursday**

Argentina, United Kingdom	1982	Argentine cruiser Belgrano sunk by British naval forces in Falklands war
Jordan	1953	King Hussein assumes constitutional power

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**3****Friday**

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**4****Saturday**

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**5****Sunday**

Ethiopia	1941	Liberation Day
Netherlands	1945	Liberation Day
Northern Ireland	1981	Death of Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA) member Bobby Sands in hunger strike
Paraguay	1954	Coup against elected government of President Federico Chavez by Gen. Alfredo Stroessner Mattiauda
West Germany	1955	West Germany becomes member of NATO

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**6****Monday****7****Tuesday****8****Wednesday**

Czechoslovakia	1945	Liberation Day
East Germany	1945	Liberation Day
El Salvador	1979	Police fire into crowd on steps of San Salvador cathedral who are demonstrating solidarity with leftwing activists that had occupied French and Costa Rican Embassies on 4 May; at least 25 demonstrators are killed
Libya	1984	Armed dissidents attack Qadhafi's Azizziya barracks
West Germany	1945	Capitulation of Third Reich

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**9****Thursday**

<b>Albania</b>	1945	Victory Day
<b>Poland</b>	1945	Victory Day
<b>Romania</b>	1881	Independence Day
<b>USSR</b>	1945	Victory Day
<b>West Germany</b>	1976	Suicide in prison of Ulrike Meinhof, founding member of Red Army Faction (RAF)
<b>Yugoslavia</b>	1945	Victory Day

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**10****Friday**

<b>Jordan</b>	Arab Resistance Day
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**11****Saturday**

<b>Chile</b>	1983	Anti-Pinochet protests put down forcefully by government
	1984	Wave of bombings against government targets

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**12****Sunday**

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**13****Monday**

Vatican City      1981      Attempt on life of Pope John Paul II by Mehmet Ali Agca

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**14****Tuesday**

Israel      1948      Republic Day (declaration of independence)

Middle East      1948      Beginning of first Arab-Israeli War

Paraguay      1811      Independence Day

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**15****Wednesday**

Palestinians      1948      Palestine Day (end of UN mandate); 15 May Organization, founded in 1979 by remnant of Special Operations Group of Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), takes its name from this event

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**16****Thursday**

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**17****Friday**

Norway	1814	Constitution Day (independence day)
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**18****Saturday**

Northern Ireland	1981	Death of Provisional IRA hunger striker Raymond McCreesh
Peru	1980	Beginning of Sendero Luminoso armed struggle
South Korea	1980	Civilian uprising in Kwangju against military rule. Usually marked by student demonstrations

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**19****Sunday**

Cuba	1895	Death of Jose Marti
Vietnam		Ho Chi Minh's birthday

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**20****Monday**

Cameroon	1972	Declaration of republic
Saudi Arabia	1927	Independence Day
Western Sahara	1973	Polisario begins armed struggle

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**21****Tuesday**

Muslim world		<i>Ramadan</i> (month of fasting) begins
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**22****Wednesday**

Sri Lanka	1972	Republic Day
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**23****Thursday**

<b>China</b>	1951	Tibet declared to be under Chinese sovereignty
<b>West Germany</b>	1949	Proclamation of federal republic

**24****Friday****25****Saturday**

<b>Africa</b>	1963	African Freedom Day; Day of Africa (founding of Organization of African Unity)
<b>Argentina</b>	1810	Beginning of revolution against Spain
<b>Bermuda</b>	1967	Bermuda Day (Constitution adopted)
<b>Colombia</b>	1965	Founding of Communist Party of Colombia/Marxist-Leninist (PCC/ML), the now-defunct parent organization of the terrorist group People's Liberation Army (EPL)
<b>Jordan</b>	1923 1946	Independence Day Constitutional monarchy established
<b>Sudan</b>	1969	May Revolution (coup by General Nimeiri and Revolutionary Council)
<b>Yugoslavia</b>	1892	Birthday of Josip Broz Tito

**26****Sunday**

<b>Guyana</b>	1966	Independence Day
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27 Monday  
Buddhist world                      Birthday of Gautama Buddha

28 Tuesday  
France, French Caribbean 1983              Caribbean Revolutionary Alliance (ARC) surfaces with 17 coordinated bombings

29 Wednesday

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**30****Thursday**

<b>Afghanistan</b>	1919	Independence from Great Britain achieved
<b>Bangladesh</b>	1981	Assassination of Ziaur Rahman
<b>Dominican Republic</b>	1961	Liberty Day (assassination of Gen. Raphael Trujillo)
<b>Israel</b>	1972	Massacre at Lod Airport by members of Japanese Red Army
<b>Nigeria</b>	1967	Declaration of Independence by Biafra

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**31****Friday**

<b>South Africa</b>	1910	Union Day (four provinces merged to form Union of South Africa)
	1961	Proclamation of republic

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**1****Saturday**

<b>Cameroon</b>	1972	Proclamation of republic
<b>Greece</b>	1973	Proclamation of republic
<b>Kenya</b>	1963	Madaraka Day (beginning of self-government)
<b>Palestinians</b>	1976	During this month, Syria entered the civil conflict in Lebanon on the side of the Christian Phalange and against the Palestinians and their Muslim allies; in response, Palestinian renegade Abu Nidal renamed his terrorist group (then based in Iraq) the Black June Organization and began attacking Syrian targets

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**2****Sunday**

<b>Italy</b>	1946	Date of referendum in which Italian voters chose republican form of government
<b>West Germany</b>	1967	Leftist student Benno Ohnesorg killed during demonstration in West Berlin. The terrorist group 2 June Movement (remnants of which eventually joined the Red Army Faction—RAF) takes its name from this incident

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**3****Monday**

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**4****Tuesday**

Ghana	1979	Jerry Rawlings takes power for the first time
Israel, Lebanon	1982	First Israeli bombing of Beirut
Tonga	1970	Independence Day

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**5****Wednesday**

Egypt	1975	Reopening of Suez Canal
Honduras	1965	Constitutional republic reestablished
Middle East	1967	Beginning of Six-Day War
Seychelles	1977	Liberation Day (overthrow of President Mancham by Albert Rene)

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**6****Thursday**

<b>India</b>	1984	Army storms Sikh Golden Temple in Amritsar
<b>Israel, Lebanon</b>	1982	Israeli forces invade Lebanon

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**7****Friday**

<b>Chad</b>	1982	Hissene Habre seizes N'djamena
<b>Greece</b>	1975	Republican constitution adopted

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**8****Saturday**

<b>Palestinians</b>	1967	Founding of Palestinian terrorist group Sa'iq (Thunderbolt)
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**9****Sunday**

<b>Oman</b>	1965	Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman (PFLO) begins armed struggle
<b>South Africa</b>	1983	Three African National Congress (ANC) terrorists hanged
<b>Sudan</b>	1969	Proclamation of southern autonomy

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**10****Monday**

**Argentina** 1829 Malvinas Day (date from which Argentina claims sovereignty over Falklands)  
**Portugal** Portugal Day

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**11****Tuesday**

**Libya** 1970 Evacuation Day (transfer of US bases)

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**12****Wednesday**

**Hungary** 1948 Founding of Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party  
**Philippines** 1898 Independence Day (proclamation of republic)

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**13****Thursday**

North Yemen	1974	Coup by Col. Ibrahim al-Hamidi (accession of Second Corrective Movement)
Saudi Arabia	1982	Death of King Khalid and accession of King Fahd

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**14****Friday**

Argentina, United Kingdom	1982	Argentine surrender ends Falklands conflict
El Salvador	1975	Founding of Armed Forces of National Resistance (FARN)

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**15****Saturday**

El Salvador	1979	Communist Party, under Soviet and Cuban pressure, adopts policy of armed struggle; its fighting elements are called Armed Forces of Liberation (FAL)
Japan, United States	1960	Signing of Japan-United States Security Treaty. Violent protests by leftist opponents of the treaty were common on this date through the 1960s
Nicaragua	1979	Somoza regime National Guard kills 185 insurrectionists near US Embassy

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**16****Sunday**

South Africa	1976	Riots in Soweto
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**17****Monday**

France	1983	Mysterious disappearance of Corsican separatist leader Guy Orsoni
East and West Germany	1953	Berlin uprising
Iceland	1944	Independence Day (anniversary of establishment of republic)

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**18****Tuesday**

Egypt	1953	Evacuation Day (anniversary of proclamation of republic)
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**19****Wednesday**

Algeria	1965	Revolutionary Recovery Day (overthrow of Ahmed Ben Bella)
Kuwait	1961	Independence Day

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**20**

**Thursday**

Muslim world

*Id al-Fitr* (end of *Ramadan*)

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**21**

**Friday**

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**22**

**Saturday**

South Yemen

1969

Coup by National Liberation Front

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**23**

**Sunday**

Luxembourg

National Day

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**24****Monday****Spain****King's Day**

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**25****Tuesday****North and South  
Korea**

1950

North Korea invades South Korea, beginning Korean war

**Mozambique**1964  
1975Founding of the Front for the Liberation of Mozambique (FRELIMO)  
Independence Day

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**26****Wednesday****Madagascar**

1960

Independence Day

**Somalia**

1960

Independence Day (northern region)

**27**

**Thursday**

Djibouti

1977

Independence Day

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Seychelles

1976

Independence Day

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**Sunday**

Zaire

1960

Independence Day



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**1 Monday**

**Argentina** 1974 Death of President Juan Peron  
**Burundi, Rwanda** 1962 Independence Day  
**Canada** 1867 Dominion Day  
**Ghana** 1960 Republic Day  
**Peru** Since 1980, for unknown reasons, Sendero Luminoso terrorists have attacked foreign targets during July at a rate roughly triple that of the rest of the year  
**Somalia** 1960 Republic Day; Independence Day (southern region)

**2 Tuesday**

**Vietnam** 1976 Unification of North and South Vietnam into Socialist Republic of Vietnam

**3 Wednesday**

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**4****Thursday**

Israel, Uganda, Palestinians	1976	Israeli raid on airport at Entebbe frees hostages from PFLP skyjackers
Philippines	1946	Republic Day (date on which Philippines became independent republic)
United States	1776	Independence Day

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**5****Friday**

Algeria	1962	Independence Day
Cape Verde	1975	Independence Day
Pakistan	1977	Coup by Gen. Zia Ul-Haq (over-throwing the regime of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto)
Rwanda	1973	Coup by Maj. Gen. Juvenal Habyarimana inaugurates Second Republic
Venezuela	1811	Independence Day

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**6****Saturday**

Comoros	1975	Declaration of Independence
Malawi	1964	Independence Day
	1966	Republic Day

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**7****Sunday**

Equatorial Guinea	1973	National Day (based on constitution that granted virtually unlimited powers to President Macie; constitution was abrogated when he was overthrown by his nephew, Colonel Obiang)
Solomon Islands	1978	Independence Day
Yugoslavia		Uprising Day (state holiday in Socialist Republic of Serbia)

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**8** **Monday**

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**9** **Tuesday**

**Argentina** 1816 Independence Day  
**Morocco** 1929 Birthday of King Hassan II

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**10** **Wednesday**

**The Bahamas** 1973 Independence Day  
**Mauritania** 1978 Armed Forces Day (commemorates military coup)

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**11****Thursday**

<b>Mongolia</b>	1921	Revolution Day (celebrates independence from China)
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**12****Friday**

<b>Kiribati</b>	1979	Independence Day
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	1690	Orangemen's Day (Protestants march to commemorate victory in Battle of the Boyne)
<b>Sao Tome and Principe</b>	1975	Independence Day

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**13****Saturday**

<b>Yugoslavia</b>		Uprising Day (state holiday in Socialist Republic of Montenegro)
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**14****Sunday**

<b>France</b>	1789	Bastille Day
<b>Iraq</b>	1958	Republic Day (Army coup d'etat that overthrew monarchy and established republic)

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**15**
**Monday**

<b>Cyprus</b>	1974	Coup by Greek Army officers
<b>Italy</b>	1983	Four members of Italian counterterrorist team convicted of mistreating Red Brigades prisoners captured during rescue of General Dozier

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**16**
**Tuesday**


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**17**
**Wednesday**

<b>Afghanistan</b>	1973	Republic Day (date Muhammad Daoud led military coup overthrowing his cousin King Zahir Shah and establishing republic)
<b>Colombia</b>	1930	Founding of Communist Party
<b>Iraq</b>	1968	Revolution Day (Ba'th Party coup)

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**18****Thursday**

Spain	1936	Uprising Day (beginning of civil war); Generalissimo Franco's Day
Uruguay	1830	Proclamation of republic

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**19****Friday**

Nicaragua	1979	Sandinista provisional Junta of National Reconstruction assumes office
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**20****Saturday**

Colombia	1810	Independence Day
Cyprus	1974	Turkish Cypriot Peace and Freedom Day (commemorates intervention by Turkish forces)
Sri Lanka	1983	Sinhalese backlash sparked by terrorist acts of extremist Tamil separatists leaves hundreds of Tamils dead and thousands homeless

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**21****Sunday**

Belgium	1831	Independence Day
Northern Ireland	1972	Bloody Friday—20 Provisional IRA bombings in Belfast kill 11 and injure 120

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**22****Monday**

<b>Poland</b>	1944	Liberation Day
	1952	People's republic established
<b>Sudan</b>	1971	Countercoup ousts Communists and restores Nimeiri as head of government
<b>Yugoslavia</b>		Uprising Day (state holiday in Socialist Republic of Slovenia)

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**23****Tuesday**

<b>Egypt, Libya</b>	1952	Military coup ousts King Farouk
<b>Greece</b>	1974	Resignation of military junta; return of government to civilian rule
<b>Oman</b>	1970	Accession Day of Sultan Qaboos

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**24****Wednesday**

<b>Ecuador, Venezuela</b>	1783	Birthday of Simon Bolivar
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**25****Thursday**

Netherlands	1648	Independence Day
Sri Lanka	1983	Killing of Tamil prisoners in Colombo's Welikade jail exacerbates communal hatred
Tunisia	1957	Proclamation of republic

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**26****Friday**

Argentina	1952	Death of Eva Peron
Cuba	1953	Day of National Rebellion (attack on Moncada Barracks by 26th of July Movement)
Egypt	1956	Nationalization of Suez Canal
Liberia	1847	Independence Day
Maldives		Independence Day

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**27****Saturday**

Austria	1955	Restoration of sovereignty under postwar Four Powers' Agreement
North Korea	1953	Korean Victory Day (date of armistice)
Yugoslavia		Uprising Day (state holiday in Socialist Republics of Croatia and Bosnia)

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**28****Sunday**

Peru	1821	Independence Day
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## July- August 1985

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Monday

**Nigeria**                      1966              Coup d'etat by Col. Yakubu Gowon overthrows military government of Major General Aguiyi-Ironsi and establishes Federal Military Government

                                         1975              Coup d'etat by Brig. Murtala Ramat Muhammad overthrows General Gowon and establishes Federal Executive Council

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Tuesday

**Vanuatu**                      1980              Independence Day

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Wednesday

**Spain, France**                      1969              St. Ignatius' Day (patron saint of Basques)  
                                                                                 Founding of Basque Fatherland and Freedom (ETA)

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**1****Thursday**

Benin	1960	Independence Day
Switzerland	1291	Independence Day

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**2****Friday**

Italy	1980	Bologna train station bombed; neofascist Armed Revolutionary Nuclei believed responsible
Vietnam	1964	Gulf of Tonkin incident
Yugoslavia	1903	Uprising Day (state holiday in Socialist Republic of Macedonia)

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**3****Saturday**

Burkina	1983	Coup overthrowing previous military regime (led to 1984 renaming of Upper Volta)
Cyprus	1977	Death of President Makarios
Equatorial Guinea	1979	Coup d'etat (Macias regime overthrown)
	1980	National Day
Niger	1960	Independence Day
Tunisia	1903	President Bourguiba's birthday

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**4****Sunday**

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**August 1985**

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**5****Monday**

**The Bahamas, Grenada, Jamaica**      1962      Emancipation Day (independence from United Kingdom)

**Burkina**      1960      Independence Day

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**6****Tuesday**

**Bolivia**      1825      Independence Day

**United Arab Emirates**      1966      Accession Day of Shaikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nayhan, Emir of Abu Dhabi

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**7****Wednesday**

**Ivory Coast**      1960      Independence Day

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**8****Thursday**

<b>Guatemala</b>	1983	Coup by Gen. Oscar Mejia Victores overthrows President Rios Montt
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**9****Friday**

<b>Northern Ireland</b>	1971	Internment without trial introduced
<b>Singapore</b>	1965	Independence Day (secession from Federation of Malaysia)

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**10****Saturday**

<b>Ecuador</b>	1809	Independence Day
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**11****Sunday**

<b>Chad</b>	1960	Independence Day
<b>Jordan</b>	1952	Accession Day for King Hussein

**August 1985**

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**12****Monday**

**Northern Ireland** 1689 Protestant commemorative marches mark day apprentice boys locked gates of Derry against James II's forces

**13****Tuesday**

**Central African Republic** 1960 Independence Day  
**Cuba** 1927 Fidel Castro's birthday

**14****Wednesday**

**Bahrain** 1971 Independence Day  
**Pakistan** 1947 Independence Day  
1977 Anniversary of Gen. Zia-ul-Haq's military takeover

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**15****Thursday**

<b>Bangladesh</b>	1975	Military coup and assassination of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman
<b>Burma</b>	1939	Burmese Communist Party established
<b>Congo</b>	1960	Independence Day (overthrow of Youlou regime)
<b>India</b>	1947	Independence Day
<b>North and South Korea</b>	1945	Liberation Day

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**16****Friday**

<b>Cyprus</b>	1960	Independence Day
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**17****Saturday**

<b>Gabon</b>	1960	Independence Day
<b>Indonesia</b>	1945	Independence Day (proclamation of republic)

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**18****Sunday**

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**19****Monday**

**Czechoslovakia**                      1968                      Invasion by Soviet and Warsaw Pact troops

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**20****Tuesday**

**Morocco**                      1953                      King's and People's Revolution  
**Senegal**                      1960                      Independence Day (withdrawal from Mali Federation)

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**21****Wednesday**

**Afghanistan**                      1919                      Independence Day  
**Philippines**                      1983                      Assassination of Benigno Aquino by government security forces

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Thursday

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Romania

1944

Liberation Day

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Sunday

France

1944

Liberation Day

Uruguay

1825

Independence Day



## August- September 1985

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**26**
**Monday**

**Hong Kong**                      1945                      Liberation Day

**Namibia**                      1966                      Namibia Day (South-West Africa came under UN control)

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**27**
**Tuesday**

**Muslim world**                      *Id al-Adha* (commemorates Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son)

**Northern Ireland**                      1979                      Assassination of Earl Mountbatten by Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA)

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**28**
**Wednesday**

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**29****Thursday**

Czechoslovakia	1944	Slovak nationalist uprising
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**30****Friday**

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**31****Saturday**

Malaysia	1957	Freedom Day; Malaysia Day (independence from United Kingdom)
Poland	1980	Solidarity trade union founded
Trinidad and Tobago	1962	Independence Day

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**1****Sunday**

Central African Republic	1981	Coup brings Kolingba regime to power
Ethiopia	1961	Eritreans begin armed struggle
Libya	1969 1973	Coup overthrows monarchy Oil companies nationalized
Palestinians	1970	During this month, the Jordanian Army drove the Palestinian guerrillas out of the country because they would not stop attacking Israel from Jordanian soil; in response, the largest group, Fatah, established the covert Black September Organization, best known for its attack on the Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympics in Munich
West Germany, Europe	1939	Antiwar Day (anniversary of Nazi invasion of Poland)

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**September 1985**

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**2****Monday****South Africa**

Settlers' Day

**Vietnam**

1945

Independence Day

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**3****Tuesday****Belgium**

1944

Liberation Day

**Peru**

1982

Death of Sendero Luminoso leader Edith Lagos

**Qatar**

1971

Independence Day

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**4****Wednesday****Chile**

1970

Election of President Salvador Allende

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**5****Thursday**

<b>Senegal</b>	1960	Declaration of republic
<b>West Germany</b>	1972	Munich Olympics massacre: Black September Organization kills 11 Israelis; five Arab terrorists and a West German policeman also die

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**6****Friday**

<b>Palestinians</b>	1970	Beginning of four-day multiple airline hijacking by PFLP: US plane destroyed in Cairo; second US plane, Swissair DC-8, and British DC-8 all destroyed in Jordan; attempted hijacking of El Al plane
<b>Swaziland</b>	1973	Independence Day

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**7****Saturday**

<b>Brazil</b>	1822	Independence Day
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**8****Sunday**

<b>India</b>	1982	Death of Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, the "Lion of Kashmir"
<b>Lithuanian SSR</b>	1918	National Day (beginning of independence from Russia during period between world wars)

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**9**
**Monday**

<b>Bulgaria</b>	1944	Liberation Day
<b>China</b>	1976	Death of Mao Zedong
<b>North Korea</b>	1948	National Day

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**10**
**Tuesday**

<b>Belize</b>	1798	National Day (Battle of St. George's Bay)
<b>Guinea-Bissau</b>	1974	Republic Day (independence from Portugal)
<b>Turkey</b>	1922	Founding of Turkish Communist Party

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**11**
**Wednesday**

<b>Chile</b>	1973	Anniversary of coup overthrowing Allende by military junta led by Augusto Pinochet
<b>Ethiopia</b>	1952	Return of Eritrea from Italian and British control under UN resolution
<b>Philippines</b>		Birthday of President Ferdinand Marcos

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**12****Thursday**

Ethiopia                      1974                      Overthrow of Haile Selassie

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**13****Friday**

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**14****Saturday**

Lebanon                      1982                      Death of Phalangist leader and Lebanese President-elect Bashir Gemayel

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**15****Sunday**

Muslim world		<i>Hejira</i> (New Year)
Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua	1821	Independence Day
Jewish world		<i>Rosh Hashanah</i> (New Year)
Lebanon	1982	Israeli invasion of Muslim West Beirut

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**16****Monday**

<b>Mexico</b>	1810	Independence Day
<b>Papua New Guinea</b>	1975	Independence Day

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**17****Tuesday**

<b>Lebanon</b>	1982	Massacre in Shatila and Sabra refugee camps (17 September Organization takes its name from this event)
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**18****Wednesday**

<b>Chile</b>	1810	Independence Day
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**19****Thursday****St. Christopher  
and Nevis**

1983

Independence Day

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**20****Friday****Lebanon**

1984

Bombing of US Embassy annex

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**21****Saturday****Belize**

1981

Independence Day

**Malta**

1964

Independence Day

**Philippines**

1972

Martial law established

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**22****Sunday****Iran, Iraq**

1980

Outbreak of Iran-Iraq war

**Mali**

1960

Independence Day (proclamation of republic)



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**23****Monday**

<b>New Zealand</b>	1907	Dominion Day
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	1932	Unification of the kingdom
	1964	National Day

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**24****Tuesday**

<b>Ghana</b>	1979	Inauguration of Third Republic
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**25****Wednesday**

<b>Egypt, Jordan</b>	1984	Resumption of diplomatic relations
<b>Jewish world</b>		<i>Yom Kippur</i> (Day of Atonement)
<b>Mozambique</b>	1964	Revolution Day

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**26**

**Thursday**

North Yemen

1962

Proclamation of republic (anniversary of revolution)

South Yemen

National Day

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**27**

**Friday**

Spain

Basque National Party (PNV) Day

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**28**

**Saturday**

Egypt

1970

Death of Jamal 'Abd al-Nasir

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**29**

**Sunday**

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**30**
**Monday**

<b>Botswana</b>	1966	Independence Day
<b>Indonesia</b>	1965	Abortive Communist coup

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**1**
**Tuesday**

<b>China</b>	1949	National Day (Communist victory over Nationalist forces)
<b>Cyprus</b>	1960	Independence Day
<b>Indonesia</b>		Pancasila Day (celebrates five-point national ideology, which is opposed by conservative Muslims)
<b>Nigeria</b>	1960	Independence Day
	1963	Republic Day
<b>Spain</b>	1936	Generalissimo Franco assumes power
	1939	Caudillo Day
	1975	Four policemen killed in Madrid by First of October Antifascist Resistance Group (GRAPO)
	1976	GRAPO claims responsibility for a series of coordinated bombings

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**2**
**Wednesday**

<b>Guinea</b>	1958	Independence Day (proclamation of republic)
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**3****Thursday**

<b>Iraq</b>	1932	Independence Day
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**4****Friday**

<b>Lesotho</b>	1966	Independence Day (day Moshoeshoe II took oath of office as king for life)
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**5****Saturday**

<b>Portugal</b>	1910	Proclamation of republic
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**6****Sunday**

<b>Egypt</b>	1981	Armed Forces Day Assassination of President Anwar Sadat
<b>Israel, Arab world</b>	1973	Arab-Israeli war
<b>Shiite world</b>		<i>Ashura</i> (commemorates assassination of Imam Hasan)
<b>Thailand</b>	1976	Military coup against civilian rule; police storm Thammasat University

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**7****Monday**

<b>Botswana</b>	1966	Independence Day
<b>East Germany</b>	1949	Republic Day
<b>Libya</b>	1970	Fascist Evacuation Day (departure of last Italian settlers)

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**8****Tuesday**

<b>Argentina</b>	1895	Birthday of Juan Peron
<b>Cuba</b>	1967	Heroic Guerrilla Day (death of Che Guevara in Bolivia)

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**9****Wednesday**

<b>Burma, North and South Korea</b>	1983	North Korean commandos detonate massive bomb in Rangoon in attempt to assassinate South Korean President, killing 19 South Korean and Burmese officials
<b>Uganda</b>	1962	Independence Day

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**10****Thursday**

<b>Bolivia</b>	1982	Siles government assumes power
<b>El Salvador</b>	1980	Founding of Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN)
<b>Taiwan</b>	1911	Anniversary of revolution that led to founding of Republic of China

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**11****Friday**

<b>North Yemen</b>	1977	Assassination of President Col. Ibrahim Mohammed el Hamadi
<b>Panama</b>	1968 1972	Revolution that brought Omar Torrijos to power Constitution Day
<b>South Africa</b>		"International Day of Solidarity With South African Political Prisoners"
<b>Yugoslavia</b>	1943	Uprising Day (anniversary of founding of Macedonian Liberation Army; holiday in Socialist Republic of Macedonia)

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**12****Saturday**

<b>Chile</b>	1965	Movement of Revolutionary Left (MIR) founded
<b>Equatorial Guinea</b>	1968	Independence Day
<b>United Kingdom</b>	1984	Bombing by Provisional IRA of Conservative Party conference in Brighton

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**13****Sunday**

<b>Fiji</b>	1970	Independence Day
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**14****Monday**

<b>Madagascar</b>	1958	Proclamation of republic
<b>South Yemen</b>	1967	Independence Day
<b>Thailand</b>	1973	Overthrow of military dictatorship and return to civilian rule
<b>Zaire</b>	1930	Birthday of President Mobutu Sese Seko

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**15****Tuesday**

<b>Tunisia</b>	1962	Evacuation Day (final departure of French troops from Bizerte)
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**16****Wednesday**

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17

Thursday

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18

Friday

Greece	1981	Panhellenic Socialist Party (PASOK) wins elections
West Germany	1977	West German commandos storm PFLP-hijacked Lufthansa plane in Mogadishu, Somalia, freeing all hostages; imprisoned RAF terrorists Andreas Baader, Jan Karl Raspe, and Gudrun Ensslin subsequently commit suicide

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19

Saturday

Grenada	1983	Execution of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop by leftists seizing power
South Africa	1977	Crackdown on black-consciousness organizations

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Sunday

Guatemala	1944	Revolution overthrowing Ubico regime and leading to postwar period of reform
Mongolia	1921	Independence Day



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**21****Monday****Somalia**

1969

Anniversary of revolution that brought Siad Barre to power

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**22****Tuesday**

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**23****Wednesday****Hungary**

1956

Revolt against Soviet occupation

**Lebanon**

1983

Bombing by Islamic Jihad of US and French components of the Multinational Force—  
299 killed

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**24****Thursday**

<b>Egypt</b>		Popular Resistance Day; Suez Day
<b>Zambia</b>	1964	Independence Day

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**25****Friday**

<b>Grenada</b>	1983	US intervention
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**26****Saturday**

<b>Austria</b>	1955	Revolution Day (departure of last post-World War II occupation forces)
<b>Iran</b>		Birthday of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi
<b>Palestinians</b>	1974	Rabat summit conference decides PLO is sole representative of Palestinians

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**27****Sunday**

<b>Czechoslovakia</b>	1918	Independence Day
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**28**
**Monday****Cyprus**

Greek National Day (observed by Greek Cypriot community)

**Spain**

1982

Socialist victory in general election

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**29**
**Tuesday****Cyprus**

Turkish Republic Day (observed by Turkish Cypriot community)

**Middle East**

1956

Israel, France, and the United Kingdom capture Suez Canal

**Turkey**

1923

Independence Day (proclamation of republic)

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**30**
**Wednesday**

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**31****Thursday**

<b>India</b>	1984	Assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi by her Sikh bodyguards
<b>Iran</b>	1980	Reza Pahlavi declares himself Shah of Iran in exile
<b>Turkey</b>		In late October and November, terrorist activities by the leftwing group Dev Yol have been more numerous than in other months; attacks in 1982 and 1983 appear to have been made in protest of a referendum and an election during November of those years

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**1****Friday**

<b>Algeria</b>	1981	Revolution Day
<b>Antigua and Barbuda</b>	1981	Independence Day

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**2****Saturday**

<b>Palestinians</b>	1917	Balfour Day (anniversary of declaration committing Britain to set up Jewish homeland in Palestine)
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**3****Sunday**

<b>Dominica</b>	1978	Independence Day
<b>Italy</b>	1918	National Unity Day
<b>Panama</b>	1903	Independence Day
<b>South Korea</b>	1929	Students' Day (student protests against Japanese rule in Kwangju)

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**4****Monday**

<b>Ecuador</b>	1983	Founding of Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA)
<b>Iran</b>	1979	Seizure of US Embassy by student radicals
	1963	Exile of Ayatollah Khomeini to Turkey

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**5****Tuesday**

<b>United Kingdom</b>	1605	Guy Fawkes Day (Catholic plot to bomb Parliament thwarted)
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**6****Wednesday**

<b>Morocco</b>	1979	Green March Day (anniversary of march by unarmed Moroccan citizens into Spanish Sahara)
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7

Thursday

Communist world      1917      Great October Socialist Revolution

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Friday

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Saturday

West Germany      1938      *Reichskristallnacht* (Crystal Night—outbreak of anti-Jewish violence)  
1974      Death of RAF terrorist Holger Meins from hunger strike

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Sunday

Turkey      1938      Death of Kemal Ataturk

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**11****Monday**

<b>Angola</b>	1975	Independence Day
<b>Colombia</b>	1957	Declaration of war on central government by People's Liberation Army (EPL)
<b>Mauritania</b>	1984	Coup that brought current regime to power
<b>Zimbabwe</b>	1965	Independence Day

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**12****Tuesday**

<b>Austria</b>	1918	Republic Day
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**13****Wednesday**

<b>Syria</b>	1970	Hafiz al-Assad assumes power
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**14**

**Thursday**

Jordan	1935	King Hussein's birthday
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**15**

**Friday**

Brazil	1889	Proclamation of republic
Cyprus	1983	Turkish Cypriot unilateral declaration of independence

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**16**

**Saturday**

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**17**

**Sunday**

Greece	1973	Student uprising at Athens Polytechnic University (terrorist group 17 November Movement takes its name from this incident)
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**18****Monday**

<b>Latvian SSR</b>		National Day
<b>Morocco</b>	1955	Independence Day
<b>Oman</b>	1940	Sultan Qaboos bin Said's birthday

**19****Tuesday**

<b>Ireland</b>	1798	Death of Wolfe Tone, first Irish revolutionary (annual nationalist pilgrimage)
<b>Mali</b>	1968	Liberation Day

**20****Wednesday**

<b>Colombia</b>	1983	Passage of amnesty law and legalization of 19th of April Movement (M-19)
<b>Mexico</b>	1910	Anniversary of revolution overthrowing Diaz regime
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	1979	Occupation of Grand Mosque in Mecca by conservative Muslims inspired by Iran
<b>Spain</b>	1936	Death of Jose Antonio Primo de Rivera (founder of Falange)
	1975	Death of Gen. Francisco Franco and accession of King Juan Carlos

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**21****Thursday**

<b>Grenada</b>	1973	Bloody Sunday (deaths of New Jewel Movement members)
<b>Libya</b>	1949	Proclamation Day (UN resolution on Libyan independence)

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**22****Friday**

<b>Lebanon</b>	1943	Independence Day
<b>Spain</b>	1975	Proclamation of Juan Carlos as King

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**23****Saturday**

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**24****Sunday**

<b>Kuwait</b>	1965	Amir Sabah al-Salim al-Sabah ascends throne
<b>Zaire</b>	1965	Revolution Day (Second Congolese Republic established)

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**25**
**Monday**

<b>Greece</b>	1973	Coup leading to end of military rule
<b>Muslim world</b>	571	Birth of Prophet Mohammad
<b>Suriname</b>	1975	Independence Day

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**26**
**Tuesday**

<b>Mongolia</b>	1924	Founding of republic
<b>United States, Iraq</b>	1984	Renewal of diplomatic relations

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**27**
**Wednesday**

<b>Philippines</b>		Birthday of slain opposition leader Benigno Aquino
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**28****Thursday**

Albania	1912	Independence Day
	1944	Liberation Day
Burundi	1966	Proclamation of republic
Chad	1958	Proclamation of republic
Indonesia	1975	Fretilin declares East Timor independent
Lebanon	1936	Founding of Phalange Party
Mauritania	1960	Independence Day
Panama	1821	Independence from Spain

**29****Friday**

Israel	1947	Proclamation Day
Palestinians	1947	International Day of Solidarity With the Palestinian People (anniversary of partition)
Yugoslavia	1945	Republic Day

**30****Saturday**

Barbados	1966	Independence Day
Benin	1975	National Day
South Yemen	1967	Independence Day
	1970	Constitution promulgated

**1****Sunday**

Iceland	1918	Independence Day
Portugal	1640	Independence Day
Thailand	1942	Founding of Thai Communist Party
Yugoslavia	1918	First independent state constituted

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**2**
**Monday**

**El Salvador**                1980                Murder of four American nuns by government troops  
**Laos**                        1975                National Day (proclamation of republic)  
**United Arab Emirates**    1971                Abu Dhabi National Day (federation of independent emirates took effect)

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**3**
**Tuesday**

**Peru**                        1934                Birthday of Sendero Luminoso leader Abimail Guzman

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**4**
**Wednesday**

**Spain**                      1892                Generalissimo Francisco Franco's birthday

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Spain	1982	Death of GRAPO leader Martin Luna
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Friday

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Saturday

Burma	1920	National Day (marks student uprising against British rule)
Ivory Coast	1960	Independence Day

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Sunday

Greece	1974	Declaration of parliamentary republic
Suriname	1982	Execution of 15 opposition leaders

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**9****Monday**

**Tanzania**                      1961                      Independence Day  
                                         1962                      Republic Day

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**10****Tuesday**

**Angola**                      1956                      Founding of Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA)  
**Middle East**                      1966                      Founding of Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP)

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**11****Wednesday**

**Burkina**                      1958                      Republic Day

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**12****Thursday**

Europe	1979	NATO decision to modernize nuclear forces by installing Pershing II and ground-launched cruise missiles
Kenya	1963	Independence Day
	1964	Republic Day
Kuwait	1983	Bombing of US Embassy and other facilities by members of Iraqi Dawa Party

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**13****Friday**

Malta	1974	Republic Day
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**14****Saturday**

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**15****Sunday**



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**16****Monday**

<b>Bahrain</b>	1961	Accession of Shaykh Isa bin Salman Al Kalifah
	1971	Independence Day
<b>Bangladesh</b>	1971	Victory Day (de facto independence)
	1972	Republican constitution becomes effective
<b>South Africa</b>	1961	Founding of military arm of African National Congress (ANC), Umkonto we Sizwe

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**17****Tuesday**

<b>Bhutan</b>	1907	National Day
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**18****Wednesday**

<b>Niger</b>	1958	Republic Day
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19

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Saturday

Ireland	1948	Proclamation of republic
Nepal	1923	Independence Day
Palestinians	1967	Founding of Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO)

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**23****Monday****Egypt**

1956

Victory Day (withdrawal of foreign forces from Port Said and Suez)

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**24****Tuesday****Libya**

1951

Independence Day

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**25****Wednesday****Afghanistan**

1979

Beginning of occupation by Soviet troops

**Christian world**

Christmas

**Pakistan**

1876

Quaid-i-Azam's birthday

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**26**

**Thursday**

**China**

1893

Mao Zedong's birthday

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**27**

**Friday**

**Indonesia**

1949

Transfer of sovereignty from Netherlands

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**28**

**Saturday**

**Latin America**

Equivalent of US April Fools' Day—traditionally sees many hoaxes and bomb threats

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**29**

**Sunday**

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**30****Monday****Philippines**

1896

Execution of national hero Jose Rizal

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**31****Tuesday****Nigeria**

1983

Coups overthrowing Shagari regime

**Philippines**

1968

Founding of Communist Party/Marxist-Leninist

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**Confidential**